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In re Application of:

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RESPONSE

In response to the Communication dated February 21, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Since the Communication dated February 21, 2002, did not specify that a reply was required in less than six months, the maximum period for response of six months is allowed. 37 C.F.R. §1.134. Accordingly, Applicants submit that this response is timely filed.

In the Communication, the Examiner stated that the "[r]ejection of claims on the record according to US 5672786 will be maintained (see also WO 9421579) until applicants submits a requisite showing under 37 CFR 1.608(b)." Communication at page 2. In response, Applicants respectfully request clarification because such a rejection had been previously withdrawn by the Examiner. Specifically, in the last Communication received prior to the Communication dated February 21, 2002, it was

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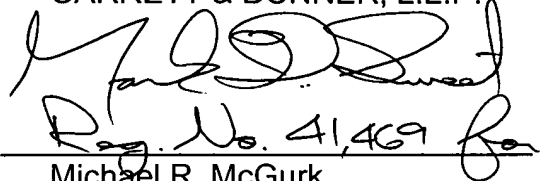
indicated that "[a]ll the claims are allowable." See Communication dated February 26, 2001, which was resent to Applicants, via facsimile, on October 27, 2001.

Accordingly, Applicants request that a new Office Action be issued, which clearly sets forth the rejection(s) being maintained by the Examiner, so that Applicants can properly respond to the Examiner request for a showing under 37 C.F.R. 1.608(b).

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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